

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the recognition of patentable subject matter in the present application.

The changes in the original patent made by the Certificate of Correction of October 1, 2002 have been included in this reissue application without underlining or bracketing as required by MPEP 1411.01.

The Specification has further been amended to also merely correct minor errors that were not already corrected by Certificate of Correction. These amendments are shown as bracketing for deletions and underlining for insertions.

The Specification has been amended to insert the Related Reissue Applications section in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.177 (MPEP 1451).

A statement of status of the claims and support for claim changes, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c) is being provided in a separate paper.

With regards to the Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance in the Notices of Allowance mailed on October 2, 2007 and December 3, 2008, Applicants submit that the allowed claims are to be interpreted based on the limitations recited in the claims rather than the paraphrases provided in the statements of reasons for allowance. Further, Applicants submit that the statements of reasons for allowance are to be taken in light of the exact limitations recited in the allowed claims. The allowed claims should not be interpreted to include limitations that are not explicitly recited in the claims, and the paraphrases in the statements of reasons for allowance should not be used in a way to narrow the scope of the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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